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On 15 June CH'OE Yong-kon (1508/6978/0256), the North Korean Minister of Defense, held the following views on the Korean military situation:

- 25X1 a. According to information received through North Korean intelligence agents [REDACTED] in Japan, the United States plans eventually to use Japanese and Chinese Nationalist troops in the Korean war. This action would mean a large-scale war with the Chinese Communists.
- b. The North Korean and Chinese Communist armies could push down to the Kum River (126-33, 35-59) (RQ-7984)² if they desired. However, the North Koreans fear that this would give the United States an excuse to throw Japanese and Chinese Nationalist troops into the Korean war. CHIANG Kai-shek has insufficient strength to take part in the Korean war but would not permit the Japanese to fight in Korea without Nationalist troops also participating.
- c. The North Korean government wants to take the Korean problem to the international conference level.

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